



Town of Washington

Vilas County, Wisconsin

Minutes

Town of Washington Board of Supervisors

Monday, August 11, 2025, 5:15 pm, at the Washington Town Hall

Located at 2301 Town Hall Rd

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Board Members Present:

Jim Egan	Town Chairman
Art Granat	Town Supervisor
Carole Linn	Town Supervisor
Tiffany Bolte	Town Treasurer
Nancy Sobralski	Town Clerk
There were 11 other people in attendance	

Meeting Minutes:

1	Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm
2	Pledge of Allegiance	Recited by all
3	Verification of Postings	Sobralski stated the agenda was properly posted at the Wild Eagle Corner Store, MJ's Wayside, the Town Hall and on the Town's website. Local news media were notified more than 24 hours in advance.
4	Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman	Motion - Linn Seconded - Granat All voting aye - Approved
5	Approval of the previous minutes from July 7, 2025	Motion - Linn Seconded - Granat All voting aye - Approved
6	Fire Truck Obligation	As discussed during the annual meeting, a resolution will be presented to the board in October 2025 to increase the tax levy for the fire truck purchase. The original amount was estimated at \$213,480.00, however, due to additional funding sources, our obligation has been reduced to \$201,267.00; due January 2026. The approved resolution and anticipated approval by town residents will occur at the November 2025 Special Elector meeting. This information is posted on the town website and in the town electronic newsletter.
7	Treasurer's Report	Bolte presented the July 2025 treasurer's report.
8	Town Foreman Report	The town crew has been busy with road brushing with the new tractor, cleaning up minor storm damage, and road patching. Waiting on electrician to schedule time to fix the outside lighting at the Town Hall. Re-addressing project started which will be a large undertaking. Building inspection on the old garage was completed.
9	Discussion - Town Equipment - Pick Up Truck	The 2009 pickup truck needs to be replaced but can be used as a spare vehicle. Clerk noting as a 2026 budget item.

10	Update – Garage Inspection and Building Lighting	Garage inspection was performed. Town foreman indicated the building is structurally sound. The roof does need to be replaced. We have 2 quotes for roof replacement. As previously noted, waiting for electrician to schedule time for outside lighting installation. The town foreman indicated re-siding the old garage will be completed. Motion to accept bid from Timothy Brod to perform roof replacement on the old garage. Seconded – Linn Opposed – Granat Majority voting aye - Approved
11	Vilas County Economic Development Corp (VCEDC) – Jim Tuckwell	Board Chairperson for VCEDC, Jim Tuckwell, provided information on VCEDC and the organization’s key initiatives. Mr. Tuckwell also shared a short video which is being aired in select markets.
12	Bug Tussel – Land Lease Request – Lee Larsen	Lee Larsen advises that Bug Tussel has three properties currently under review for installing a new cell tower, including town property located on Forest Lane, south of Highway 70. Next step in the process is to perform a site walk-through with key stakeholders of the construction process. The company will pursue a land lease on the desired property. Motion Egan to grant permission for the site walk-through on Forest Lane property. Seconded – Linn All voting aye - Approved
13	Transfer Station Permits – Short Term Rental Properties	Egan advised we may want to consider changes at the transfer station involving short-term rental waste refuse. The transfer station is intended for residential use and because short term rentals are businesses, the town may consider exclusion of refuse from short term rentals in 2026. Legal guidance has been provided. Discussed needed ordinance amendments to the short-term rental and transfer station ordinance.
14	Update – East Cranberry Lake Rd – beaver dam/culvert update	Linn advises there is no current beaver activity in the creek, but there is still water backing up. Three new beaver dams were found and removed downstream from the culvert. Additionally, debris has been removed from the culvert by a town resident, but the culvert appears to be still obstructed. Linn reported that Al Wirt, Vilas County Conservationist, has assessed the situation and recommends sediment removal from the culvert. He advised the culvert is failing and needs to be replaced. Discussed possible culvert replacement in 2026.
15	CPR and First Aid Refresher Training	Granat advises mid-September that refresher training can be scheduled. Granat to check on trainer availability for the week of September 29.
16	Topics for Town E-News	Transfer station winter hours, brush site closure dates, and logging activity at the Fire Station #2.
17	Approval of Bills	Motion - Linn Seconded - Granat All voting aye - Approved
18	Adjournment	Motion - Egan Seconded - Granat All voting aye – Approved Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

Nancy Sobralski – Town Clerk
Date of Approval - 09/08/2025